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THE RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

LIST OF MEMBERS

APPOINTED JUNE 1958.

Middlesbrough Corporation :

Alderman F. J. Longstaff
Alderman W. Breckon
Councillor A. T. Crosby
Councillor T. Farthing
Councillor A. Gibson
Councillor W. Grosvenor
Councillor W. J. Story
Councillor T. Williams

Billingham U.D.C. :

Councillor K. L. Bates
Councillor W. Crossley
Councillor H. W. Platts

Eston U.D.C. :

Councillor V. H. Bell
Councillor W. Rowley
Councillor W. Herlingshaw

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Alderman H. C. Atkinson
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Councillor Mrs M. Scott

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Alderman S. G. Shillito
Councillor G. W. Thorne

Thornaby-on-Tees Corporation :

Councillor C. Anderton
Councillor J. White

Stockton Rural District Council :

Councillor F. B. Battersby
Councillor G. T. Tingle

Chairman 1957-58 :

Mrs M. Scott

Chairman 1958-59 :

W. Crossley, Esq.

Clerk :

G. W. W. Barnley, Esq.

Deputy Clerk :

H. L. Cartwright, Esq.

SECTION I.—STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Eric C. Downer	Port Medical Officer	19. 6. 1950	M.A., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Middlesbrough. Principal School Medical Officer.
R. Taylor	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1. 6. 1952	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
M. Sackwood	Asst. Port Medical Officer	1. 1. 1958	M.B., B.S., D.R.C.O.G.	Senr. Asst. M.O.H.
A. Nielson Jones	Chief Port Health Inspector	12. 4. 1937	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food.	Food Inspector and Rodent Officer
G. Richards	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1. 4. 1956	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food	Deputy Food Inspector and Rodent Officer
W. B. Curry	Assistant Port Health Inspector	24. 11. 1955	Ministry of Transport 2nd Mate Certificate	
T. Warwick	Rat Searcher	October, 1933		
J. Glazebrook	Rat Searcher	29. 6. 1953		
J. Buckton	Launch Coxswain	August, 1927		

A deck boy is also employed on the Launch.

TYPING :

Part-time clerk-typist by arrangement with Middlesbrough Corporation Health Department.

Address and Telephone number of Medical Officer of Health :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
26, SOUTHFIELD ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH.
Telephone : 3201.

RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY :

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to place before you my Annual Report for the year 1958.

This report is drawn up in accordance with Ministry of Health Instruction L.P.8 of 31st December, 1958.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERIC C. DOWNER,

Port Medical Officer.

An interesting case :—

S.S. "OREOSA"

Arrived Middlesbrough 7.8.58, 20.00 hours, Eston Buoys.

The Agents, Swedish Iron Ore Ltd., informed me that the Captain had a man on board who had had a mysterious illness including a spotted rash some days out from Takoradi, that this man had received injections for yellow fever but had produced a rash that had something in common with smallpox.

M.O.H. proceeded aboard 20.10 hours in Customs launch. Captain made the following statements and showed the log and the relevant entries therein.

The ship left Takoradi on 15.7.58. At Takoradi all members of the ship's company who had not up-to-date certificates were re-vaccinated and also inoculated against yellow fever. The doctor at Takoradi who did the job promised to send the certificates on board but had not done so, so the Captain has no evidence in the form of certificates.

20.7.58 : Roy Thomas, aged 24, an E.D.H., complained of a rash on his chest and back. The Captain saw this and the rash was composed of blebs or vesicles filled with clear fluid. The Captain immediately isolated him in the ship's hospital, temperature 99.2.

21.7.58 : Rash spread to both arms and both legs. Lips observed to be swollen.

22.7.58 : Rash began to go. Lips normal now. Temperature normal.

23.7.58 : Rash gone. Patient apparently normal.

24.7.58 : Patient insisted on being allowed to do light duties.

28.7.58 : Normal full duty.

Since that time patient perfectly well. Nobody else on the ship complaining of anything.

Patient examined. No sign of recent or remote scarring. In fact, no sign of anything.

Patient was at Takoradi about 5 days and during this time, early in their stay there, date uncertain, patient injured his finger and had a heavy injection of penicillin. Two to three days later he was re-vaccinated—first time for several years—and had his injection for yellow fever.

M.O.H. ordered down yellow flag, but Inspectors will enquire daily regarding health of crew.

M.O.H. left ship 21.10 hours.

Daily visits were paid to the ship during her stay in Port, but nothing untoward developed.

SECTION II.—AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Net)	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By a Medical Officer of Health	By a Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports ...	1,645	3,681,501	445	1,643	7
Coastwise ...	1,673	1,133,001	2	1,597	1
Total ...	3,318	4,814,502	447	3,240	8

SECTION III.—CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger traffic ...	{	Number of passengers inwards ...	586
		Number of passengers outwards	741
Cargo Traffic ...	{	Principal IMPORTS—Iron ore, manganese and chrome ores, pig iron, potash, chemical manures, feedstock, petrol, phosphate rock, sulphur, coal and sundry goods.	
		Principal EXPORTS—Steel plates, angles, bars, rails, fish plates, castings, pipes, pig iron, machinery, sulphate of ammonia, chemicals, pitch and tar, creosote, slag, coal and coke, petrol and sundry goods.	

Principal ports from which ships arrive —Oxelosund, Narvik, Luleo, Gothenburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Kotka, Helsinki, Pepel, La Goulette, Bougie, Bona, Freetown, Casablanca, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Rouen, Ghent, Ymuiden, Takoradi, Gefle, Wismar, Wabana and ports in India, South Africa, China, Australia and New Zealand and eastern Mediterranean ports.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS CLEARING THE RIVER TEES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1957 AND 1958.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Net Registered Tonnage		1958	1957	Increase	Decrease
Under 500 tons	Steam	2,442	2,952	—	510
	Sail	—	—	—	—
500—1,000 tons	Steam	575	544	31	—
1,000—2,000 tons	Steam	282	516	—	234
2,000—3,000 tons	Steam	130	165	—	35
3,000—4,000 tons	Steam	161	144	17	—
4,000—5,000 tons	Steam	361	316	45	—
5,000—6,000 tons	Steam	151	114	37	—
	Sail	—	1	—	1
6,000 tons and over	Steam	89	66	23	—
Tugs		1	5	—	4
Total		4,192	4,823	153	784

1958 Shows a Net Decrease on 1957 of 631 Ships.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPORTS IN TONS INTO THE RIVER TEES DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1957 and 1958.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1958 Tons	1957 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
ORES :				
Iron etc.	2,851,495	3,230,141	—	378,646
Manganese	77,646	90,489	—	12,843
Chrome	29,309	29,825	—	516
Total Ores	2,958,450	3,350,455	—	392,005
IRON & STEEL :				
Pig Iron	18,058	123,798	—	105,740
Billets etc.	27,719	27,145	574	—
Manufactures	6,619	9,484	—	2,865
Scrap	136,538	225,001	—	88,463
Machinery	2,709	3,417	—	708
Total Iron & Steel	191,643	388,845	574	197,776
Coal	674,843	627,220	47,623	—
Loam etc.	15,107	18,956	—	3,849
Chemical Manures	90,883	81,639	9,244	—
Cresote	28,654	34,934	—	6,280
Feedstock etc.	366,504	324,287	42,217	—
Petrol, Oils etc....	600,895	534,207	66,688	—
Corn, Wheat etc.	—	—	—	—
Provisions	2,827	2,077	750	—
Sugar	805	3,064	—	2,259
Wood	7,819	7,744	75	—
Magnesite	1,818	2,022	—	204
Chemicals	25,650	17,370	8,280	—
Glass	16	12	4	—
Bags	3,984	3,418	566	—
Phosphate Rock...	94,859	122,319	—	27,460
Spelter	—	1,544	—	1,544
Suplhur	18,808	15,847	2,961	—
Sundry Goods	11,807	11,907	—	100
Totals	5,095,372	5,547,867	178,982	631,477

1958 Decrease on 1957 of 452,495. tons.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE EXPORTS IN TONS FROM THE RIVER TEES DURING
THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1957 and 1958.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1958 Tons	1957 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
IRON & STEEL :				
Pig Iron	7,949	38,279	—	30,330
Rails	68,759	74,074	—	5,315
Castings, Pipes & c. ...	168,975	148,370	20,605	—
Angles, Bars & Plates ...	276,594	304,823	—	28,229
Bridgework	2,985	6,617	—	3,632
Joists	4,174	7,028	—	2,854
Scrap	12,931	2,228	10,703	—
Galvanised Sheets ...	4,092	4,997	—	905
Machinery	28,951	36,745	—	7,794
Carriage & Wagonwork	907	7,979	—	7,072
Wire (of all kinds) ...	5,058	16,194	—	11,136
Manufactured (other than the above) ...	31,226	26,258	4,968	—
Total Iron & Steel ...	612,601	673,592	36,276	97,267
Coal Cargo	1,047	141,011	—	139,964
Coal Excess Bunkers ...	88	979	—	891
Coke	11,839	42,427	—	30,588
Salt	138	898	—	760
Sulphate of Ammonia ...	350,744	280,832	69,912	—
Chemicals (other than Sulphate of Ammonia)	49,861	56,379	—	6,518
Pitch & Tar	51,781	57,917	—	6,136
Oil—Creosote	12,707	18,189	—	5,482
Oil—Benzole etc. ...	8,216	6,601	1,615	—
Oil—Gas	9,019	26,638	—	17,619
Oil—Marine fuel ...	10,091	5,706	4,385	—
Oil—Petrol etc. ...	71,141	96,338	—	25,197
Slag Rough	200,870	172,614	28,256	—
Slag Wool	92	285	—	193
Glass & Earthenware ...	182	419	—	237
Paint	814	550	264	—
Paper	262	894	—	632
Cement	1,484	960	524	—
Sundry Goods	41,789	33,872	7,917	—
Totals	1,434,766	1,617,101	149,149	331,484

1958 Decrease on 1957 of 182,335 tons (excluding "allowed" bunker coal).

"Allowed" bunker coal 1957—21,119 tons.

"Allowed" bunker coal 1958— 7,399 tons.

SECTION IV.—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no barge traffic in the River Tees.

SECTION V.—WATER SUPPLY.

(No change).

Eight water samples were taken from the water boats, vessels and hydrants during the year.

SECTION VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

(No change).

SECTION VII.—SMALLPOX.

(No change).

SECTION VIII.—VENEREAL DISEASE.

(No change).

**MERCHANT SEAMEN TREATED AT THE SPECIAL TREATMENT
CENTRE, MIDDLESBROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR
1958.**

During the year 1958 the total number of merchant seamen receiving treatment or investigation for venereal diseases at this clinic was 175, these were subdivided as follows :—

British Seamen	...	...	71
British Commonwealth	...	...	36
Foreign Seamen	...	...	68

Of the above number 155 cases were of recent infection who had initial investigation and commenced treatment at this clinic. The total number attending have been classified by country and the fresh infections by disease as follows :—

	Total No. attending	Fresh Infections :		
		Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Others
British Seamen	71	—	16	48
British Commonwealth ...	36	1	10	21
subdivided :				
Aden	4	—	1	2
Br. Guiana	1	—	1	—
Cyprus	1	—	1	—
East Africa	1	—	1	—
India & Pakistan ...	18	1	2	13
Somaliland	5	—	4	1
South Africa	1	—	—	1
West Indies	5	—	—	4
Foreign Seamen	68	—	15	44
subdivided :				
Belgium	1	—	—	1
Denmark	3	—	1	2
Egypt	1	—	—	1
Finland	6	—	2	3
France	2	—	1	1
Germany	6	—	2	3
Greece	19	—	1	15
Holland	6	—	2	1
Italy	3	—	—	3
Norway	9	—	3	6
Spain	2	—	—	2
Sweden	9	—	3	5
Yugoslavia	1	—	—	1

SECTION IX.—CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ...	Chicken Pox	1	—	1
	Influenza	—	30	4
	Erysipelas	—	1	1
	Tuberculosis	—	8	3
	Infective Jaundice	—	1	1
	Pneumonia	—	3	3
	Dysentery	1	—	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival ...	Tuberculosis	—	2	1
	Smallpox*	—	1	1
Cases landed from other ships		—	—	—

* This was a case of modified smallpox landed at Suez from S.S. "Baluchistan" on 19. 4. 58. Advice was received in advance that the vessel was proceeding direct to Middlesbrough but later the vessel was diverted to the Tyne. The vessel arrived Middlesbrough on 7.5.58 and was immediately boarded by the M.O.H. No further cases or sickness had occurred and pratique was duly granted. The vessel was visited each day by a medical officer during her stay in the Port.

SECTION X.—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS.

The occurrence of malarial fever on vessels arriving in the Port has again been negligible during the year.

SECTION XI.—MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

There have not been any vessels arriving in the Port infected with or suspected for plague during the year.

SECTION XII.—MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

(No change).

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Category	Number
Black Rats	249
Brown Rats	—
Sent for examination	21
Infected with plague	—

In addition 6 black and 60 brown rats were caught and destroyed on wharves. Three of these were sent for bacteriological examination.

Three hundred and seven mice were destroyed on ships.

TABLE F.

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR.

No. of Deratting Certificates Issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certi- cates issued
After fumigation with		After trap- ping 3	After poison ing 4	Total 5		
HCN 1	Other Fumigants 2					
11	—	—	5	16	225	241

SECTION XIII.—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.
INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES.

Nature and number of inspections			Notices served		Result of serving Notices
			Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign going vessels ...	...	1643	—	18	18 Remedied
Coastwise ...	...	1597	—	4	4 Remedied
Total ...	...	3240	—	22	22 Remedied

GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION.

During the year 22 informal or verbal notices dealing with 27 nuisances were served.

Cockroach infestation	...	...	...	...	6
Rodent infestation	...	...	...	...	4
Choked scupper pipes	...	...	...	...	4
Defective flush pipes and valves	...	...	...	...	4
Defective deck water service pipe	...	...	...	...	2
Choked W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	2
Defective shower bath tap	...	...	...	...	1
Defective hot-water service pipe	...	...	...	...	1
Defective refrigerator door	...	...	...	...	1
Cracked port glass	...	...	...	...	1
Choked waste pipe	...	...	...	...	1
Total				...	<u>27</u>

SECTION XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS
1934 and 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV.—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

- (1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment :
Dr. Eric C. Downer, Medical Officer of Health.
Dr. R. Taylor, Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
- (2) List of other staff engaged in the work : None.
- (3) Organisation of work :
The Port Medical Officer is notified of all alien passengers, including stowaways arriving in the Port and arrangements are made for the Medical Officer to examine them on board before they are allowed to disembark.
- (4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic :
The majority of alien passengers arriving in the port are pleasure visitors to this country, chiefly from the Scandinavian countries. A number also arrive regularly from Denmark bound for the far East. These passengers are granted temporary shore leave during the vessel's stay in Middlesbrough. Stowaways occasionally arrive from West African ports.

The total number of alien passengers arriving in the Port during the year was 652 (including temporary shore leave passengers).
- (5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination :
Aliens are generally examined on board, but accommodation is available at the Health Department, 26, Southfield Road, if it should be required. 134 alien passengers landed at the Port during the year. In addition 578 passengers not landing at Middlesbrough were granted temporary shore leave.

SECTION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

RETURN OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY FOUND ON VESSELS ENTERING THE PORT.

Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	30
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Venereal Disease	...	...	...	...	...	4
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	3
Foot Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	...	3
Mental Disorder	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chickenpox	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sprained leg muscles	...	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dermatitis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jaundice	...	...	...	...	...	1
Burns	...	...	...	...	...	1
Renal colic	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carbuncle	...	...	...	...	...	1
Back injury	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heart trouble...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Injury head and shoulder	...	...	...	...	...	1
Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	1
Multiple injuries	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lacerated leg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	1
Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Face injury	...	...	...	...	...	1
Observation	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL						76

CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS.

REPORTED OR DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.

Date		Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness		No. of Cases	Remarks
January	3	Socotra ...	Rotterdam ...	Chicken Pox ...	...	1	Medically attended on board.
	20	Avisglen ...	Victoria ...	Influenza ...	...	1	Medically attended on board.
	22	City of Pretoria	Hull	Sprained leg Muscles ...	...	1	Removed General Hospital
	23	Avisbrook ...	La Goulette ...	Influenza	...	2	Seen M.O.H. one case removed General Hosp. seen M.O.H. medically attended on board.
	27	ClanMcBride	Immingham ...	Influenza ...	...	26	
February	3	Suerte ...	London ...	V.D. ...	...	1	Referred to clinic.
	5	Fendo ...	London ...	Erysipelas	...	1	Removed West Lane H.
	13	Avisvale ...	Pepel ...	Dermatitis	...	1	Landed at Las Palmas.
March	4	Bahadur ...	Antwerp ...	T.B. ...	...	2	Landed at Dundee.
	4	Bahadur ...	Antwerp ...	T.B. ...	...	6	Seen D.M.O.H. Cases x-rayed and confirmed.
	13	Laidaure ...	Narvik ...	Mental Disorder		1	Removed St. Lukes' H.
	14	Neretva ...	Casablanca ...	Influenza ...	...	1	Removed W. Lane H.
April	14	La Pampa ...	Ardelstanger	Burns ...	...	1	Removed Gen. Hospital.
	29	Registan ...	Port Said ...	Mental Disorder		1	Removed St. Lukes' H.
May	7	Baluchistan ...	Tyne ...	Modified Smal'pox		1	Landed at Suez 19.4.58 vessel visited daily by D.M.O.H.
	7	Baluchistan ...	Tyne ...	Renal Colic	...	1	Removed Gen. Hospital
	9	Jaladhan ...	Dunkirk ...	Enteritis ...	...	1	Removed Hemlington H.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date		Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness			No. of Cases	Remarks
May	27	Nat. Fighter	Puerto Ordaz	Jaundice ...	...		1	Seen M.O.H. treated on Board.
	27	Nat. Fighter	Puerto Ordaz	Tonsilitis ...	...		1	Seen M.O.H. treated on Board.
	27	Nat. Fighter	Puerto Ordaz	Carbuncles	...		1	Seen M.O.H. treated on Board.
	27	Nat. Fighter	Puerto Ordaz	Dermatitis	...		1	Seen M.O.H. treated on Board.
June	2	Anna Odland	Avelies ...	T.B.	...	...	1	Removed W. Lane H.
	4	Khyber ...	London ...	Heart Failure	...		1	Removed Hemlington H
	7	Globe Trader	Monrovia ...	Injury to back	...		1	Removed to Hospital at Redcar.
	9	Tabaristan ...	London ...				1	Removed to Gen. Hospital for observation.
	25	Coromandel ...	Antwerp ...	T.B.	...	...	1	Removed Poole Hosp.
July	25	C. of Calcutta	Bombay ...	V.D.	...	...	1	Referred Clinic.
	19	Songkhla ...	Bremen ...	Appendicitis	...		1	Removed Hemlington H
	19	C. of Hull ...	Hull ...	Appendicitis	...		1	Treated on Board.
	23	Shetland T'der	Leith ...	Injuries to back and shoulders			1	Removed General Hospital
	16	Tremaine ...	Limerick ...	Injury to foot	...		1	Removed to Hemlington Hospital.
August	19	Umtata ...	Immingham	Asthma	...	...	1	Removed Gen. Hospital
	19	Umtata ...	Immingham ...	Injury to foot	...		1	Removed Gen. Hospital
	25	Gleddock ...	Bone ...	V.D.	...	...	1	Referred Clinic
	30	Catanian ...	Hull ...	Pleurisy	...	...	1	Removed Gen. Hospital

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	No. of Cases	Remarks
September 1	Tom Stromer	Sarpsborg ...	Multiple injuries ...	1	Fell between ship and quay. Attended General Hospital.
4	Matheran ...	London ...	Pneumonia & Plu'sy	1	Removed Hemlington H.
13	Evita ...	Lulea ...	Lacerated leg ...	1	Treated Gen. Hospital.
October 7	Jalavina ...	London ...	Enteritis ...	1	Removed W. Lane H.
20	Eibe Olden'f	Hamburg ...	Tonsilitis ...	1	Removed W. Lane H.
23	Equator ...	Mostaganum	Foot injury ...	1	Removed Gen. Hosp'l.
24	Socotra ...	Hull ...	Dysentery	1	Removed W. Lane H.
27	Mies ...	Granton ...	Thrombosis ...	1	Seen M.O.H treated on Board.
November 11	Bjorn Stange	Rotterdam ...	Tonsilitis ...	1	Treated on Board.
24	Rex ...	London ...	V.D. ...	1	Referred to clinic.
December 25	Orecrest ...	Pepel ...	Injury to face ...	1	Removed Gen. Hospital
27	Welsh Prince	London ...	Pneumonia ...	1	Removed W. Lane H.
31	C. of Pretoria	Hull ...	Pneumonia ...	1	Removed W. Lane H.

CHICKENPOX.

S.S. "Socotra" arrived in the Port on January 3rd. The chief officer's child was found to be suffering from Chickenpox. The child was medically attended and isolated on board.

INFLUENZA.

S.S. "Avisbrook" arrived in the Port on January 23rd. Two of the crew were found to be suffering from influenza. One case was removed to hospital and the other received medical attention on board.

S.S. "Avisglen" arrived in the Port on January 20th. One case of influenza was diagnosed and was medically attended on board.

S.S. "ClanMacBride" arrived in the Port on January 27th. 26 cases of influenza were diagnosed and were given medical treatment on board.

S.S. "Neretva" arrived in the Port on March 14th. One case of influenza was removed to hospital for treatment.

ERYSIPELAS.

M.V. "Fendo" arrived in the Port on February 5th. One case of erysipelas was removed to hospital for treatment.

TUBERCULOSIS.

S.S. "Bahadur" arrived in the Port on March 4th. Six cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed, all Indians, and were medically attended on board.

S.S. "Anna Odland" arrived in the Port on June 2nd. One of the crew was found to be suffering from tuberculosis and was removed to hospital for treatment.

S.S. "Coromandel" arrived in the Port on June 25th. One of the crew was removed to hospital suffering from tuberculosis.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE.

S.S. "National Fighter" arrived in the Port on May 27th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from infective jaundice and was medically attended on board.

PNEUMONIA.

S.S. "Matheran" arrived in the Port on September 4th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from pneumonia and was removed to hospital for treatment.

M.V. "Welsh Prince" arrived in the Port on December 27th. One of the crew was removed to hospital suffering from pneumonia.

S.S. "City of Pretoria" arrived in the Port on December 31st. One of the crew was removed to hospital suffering from pneumonia.

DYSENTERY.

S.S. "Socotra" arrived in the Port on October 24th. The Chief Engineer's wife was found to be suffering from dysentery and was removed to hospital for treatment.

Number of cases of sickness or injury dealt with before arrival at the Port.

Tuberculosis : 2 Smallpox : 1 Dermatitis : 1.

VESSELS TREATED FOR VERMIN INFESTATION.

January	3rd	"Clan Maclay". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	10th	"Inchstaffa". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	18th	"Matheran". Crew's accommodation sprayed with insectide.
	24th	"Grande Hermine". Crew's accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
	25th	"Clan Keith". Pantry and after storeroom treated with insecticide.
February	17th	"Kenilworth Castle". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	18th	"Castilian". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
April	19th	"Benvorlich". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
May	27th	"Benmacdhui". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
June	30th	"Umkuzi". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
July	29th	"Benvannock". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
August	5th	"Dongola". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
October	24th	"Benmacdhui". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	27th	"Thessaly". Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
November	4th	"Umvoti". Crew's quarters, stores and pantry treated with insecticide.
December	22nd	"Martand". Accommodation treated with insecticide.

NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Dutch	...	...	...	553	Yugoslavian	...	...	...	14
Swedish	...	...	...	146	Indian	...	...	...	11
Danish	...	...	...	118	U.S.S.R.	...	...	...	9
Norwegian	...	...	...	114	Polish	...	...	...	5
German	...	...	...	113	Eirean	...	...	...	3
Liberian	...	...	...	44	Italian	...	...	...	3
French	...	...	...	24	S. African	...	...	...	3
Costa Rican	...	...	...	22	Belgian	...	...	...	2
Spanish	...	...	...	18	Argentine	...	...	...	2
Finnish	...	...	...	18	Greek	...	...	...	1
Panamanian	...	...	...	15					
							TOTAL	...	1,238

LAUNCH "MERCIE II".

The motor launch "Mercie II" continues to give satisfactory service. Apart from the usual annual overhaul it was not found necessary to carry out any major repairs during the year.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Consignments of imported foodstuffs have been systematically examined during the year. These consisted of :—Canned Ham, luncheon meat, ox tongue, chicken fillets, sausage, potatoes, onions, lettuce, cabbage, dried peas, cucumber, canned apples, raddishes, biscuits, tomatoes, gurkins, lard, grapefruit, strawberry pulp, melons, grapes, canned strawberries, chocolate, rice, pineapple, sago, flour, desiccated coconut, apples, pears and cheese.

All foodstuffs examined were found to be in good sound condition.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1948, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives, etc. in Food) Regulations 1925-1940.

Eight water samples were obtained from ships, hydrants and water boats supplying water to ships. Most of these were satisfactory. When otherwise, the water boat or ship was instructed to clean the tank out. A fresh sample was then taken.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949.

There were no Rodent Control Certificates issued during the year. All coasting vessels dealt with were in possession of an international deratting or deratting exemption certificate.

For the first time since the war the amount of shipping entering the port showed a decrease on the previous year.

Comparisons with 1938 are given below. Arrivals were more than in the year 1938 and the tonnage was some 1,800,000 tons more.

ARRIVALS :

1938	...	3174
1958	...	3318

NET TONS :

3,029,761
4,814,502

